

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The above-identified patent application has been amended and re-examination and reconsideration are hereby requested.

Claims 22-25 and 50-51 have been cancelled as required by the Examiner,

Claims 4-7, 9, 11-15, 18, 27, 29-31, 40-43, and 47-49 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martin in view of Nimomiya. The Examiner takes the position that element 40 of Martin is a message network.

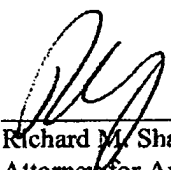
Claims 4, 9, 11, 18, 29, 31, and 40 point out that the messages PASS THROUGH the messaging networks. It is respectfully pointed out that messages do not pass THROUGH network 40 of Martin.

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Respectfully submitted,

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